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SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE TO VOA

REF: USICA 14211

1. WE HAVE NOTED GUIDANCE CONTAINED REFTEL WHICH IN EFFECT PLACES GREATER DISTANCE BETWEEN VOA CORRESPONDENTS AND OFFICIAL US FOREIGN AFFAIRS AGENCIES ABROAD. WITH THIS GUIDANCE IN MIND, WISH TO DRAW DEPARTMENT'S AND USICA'S ATTENTION FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT IN KINSHASA.

2. A LITTLE OVER A MONTH AGO, BEFORE LATEST GUIDANCE ISSUED, ONE PAULO TUBA APPEARED IN ICA INFORMATION OFFICER'S OFFICE AND SHOWED IO A CARD FROM VOA PORTUGUESE-TO-AFRICA DIRECTOR VALENTINE. ON CARD, VALENTINE HAD ASKED IO TO COOPERATE WITH TUBA IN FINDING PORTUGUESE STRINGER FOR VOA. IO AGREED TO DO SO, AND TUBA INTRODUCED GRACA KUNDI PIO AGOSTINHO AS CANDIDATE FOR POSITION. IO NOTIFIED VOA, WHICH HAS FORWARDED STANDARD VOICE TEST TO ICA KINSHASA FOR MS. AGOSTINHO. TUBA RETURNED TO ICA OFFICES JULY 6 WITH REQUEST FOR STATUS OF AGOSTINHO'S APPLICATION AND ALSO WITH FNLA "WAR COMMUNIQUE" HE ASKED IO TO TRANSMIT TO VOA FOR PORTUGUESE SERVICE. THIS WAS FIRST INDICATION THAT TUBA WAS AN FNLA REPRESENTATIVE IN KINSHASA.

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3. I HAVE INSTRUCTED IO TO DEFER ANY FURTHER ACTION ON THIS MATTER. INVOLVEMENT OF ICA OR ANY OTHER OFFICIALS OF THIS MISSION IN ASSISTING VOA TO HIRE STRINGERS WOULD APPEAR TO BE INCONSISTENT WITH, IF NOT CONTRARY TO, THE LATEST GUIDELINES. MOREOVER, FROM POLITICAL STANDPOINT SUCH INVOLVEMENT IS INADVISABLE. MOST PORTUGUESE-SPEAKING AFRICANS IN ZAIRE ARE ANGOLANS, AND

MOST OF THEM ARE FNLA SUPPORTERS OR AT LEAST ANTI-MPLA.

4. UNLESS DEPT OR USICA IS ABLE TO PROVIDE US WITH BETTER
RATIONALE THAN WE NOW PERCEIVE FOR PURSUING THIS MATTER, WE
INTEND TO INFORM TUBA THAT VOA PORTUGUESE-LANGUAGE STRINGER
HERE IS LONGER NEEDED.
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